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Nalwadi, Sir MV statues to adorn KRS Dam

Nalwadi Krishnaraja Wadiyar and Sir M. Visvesvaraya.

- **Southern Gate of Reservoir to get complete facelift with matching marble stone designs**
- **Water Resources Minister Ramesh Jarkiholi apprises Pramoda Devi Wadiyar about the project that reinvents history**

The works on statues at KRS are temporarily stopped due to lockdown. [Pic. by M.N. Lakshminarayana Yadav]

Mysuru, May 30 (RK&BCT)- In six months, visitors to Brindavan Gardens and the Krishna Raja Sagar (KRS) Dam that attracts thousands of tourists every day will get to see life-like and life-size statues of Rajarishi Nalwadi Krishnaraja Wadiyar, the Dam's Chief Founder-Patron and Sir M. Visvesvaraya (Sir MV), Wadiyar's Dewan and Chief Engineer who built the Dam, a technical marvel that has stood the test of time.

The white marble statues are being installed at the Southern Gate of the Dam and works are under progress. The estimated cost of the statues is Rs. 8.5 crore and the tender of Rs. 9.71 crore has been finalised and handed over to Mysuru-based contractor H.S. Ramesh.

The project received technical approval in 2017-2018 and the actual works began on 5.3.2018. Works will be completed soon and the project is being undertaken by Cauvery Neeravari Nigam Limited (CNNL) that comes under the Water Resources Department. Both the statues will be housed inside two Mantapas and will be of 22X22 metres length and width (22.387 metres X 22.387 metres). The statues will have a height of 9 feet and will stand on 2 feet pedestals.

Doddaballapur stones: The Mantapas will have content on the life, achievements and contribution of both personalities. The Mantapas with domes are being built with Doddaballapur stones and the statues are being built with white marble stone on the lines of the statues of Krishnaraja Wadiyar and Jayachamaraja Wadiyar that have been built in the heart of Mysuru City.

Speaking to *Star of Mysore*, CNNL Executive Engineer (KRS) M.B. Raju said that the entire Southern Gate will get a facelift and the area elevation will change accordingly and the locale will be transformed. The Gate will be redesigned to match the white marble stone structures of the statue. "Works on the domes are under progress and already Rs. 1.23 crore has been spent. After the inter-State travel curbs are lifted, we will get skilled stone labourers from Tamil Nadu and continue the work," he said.

(See STATUES on page 6)

PM Modi's Mann Ki Baat tomorrow at 11 am

Modi

New Delhi, May 30- Prime Minister Narendra Modi will be addressing the 65th episode of "Mann Ki Baat" on May 31 (tomorrow) at 11 am. Though the address will be primarily broadcast live from All India Radio, the TV adaptations will be by Doordarshan — DD News and SS National. It is another matter that all private channels end up showing it live too.

Through 'Mann Ki Baat', Prime Minister Narendra Modi interacts with people across the country on a range of important subjects. "I look forward to your ideas and inputs for this month's Mann Ki Baat, which will take place on the 31st," PM Modi tweeted a few days ago, inviting ideas and topics for his next episode of Mann Ki Baat.

May 31 also coincides with the last day of the Lockdown 4.0 that has been clamped down upon the nation to fight the Coronavirus pandemic. In his last "Mann ki Baat" address on Apr. 26, PM Modi had hailed the nation's people for being the key fighters for India against the Coronavirus disease and said their example will be extolled in future.

PM Modi's Mann Ki Baat had lasted 30-minutes and he had praised all State Governments for their work in the fight against the pandemic.

No 'Sunday Curfew' tomorrow, services from 7 am to 7 pm

Henceforth, there will be no COVID-19 mid-day media update

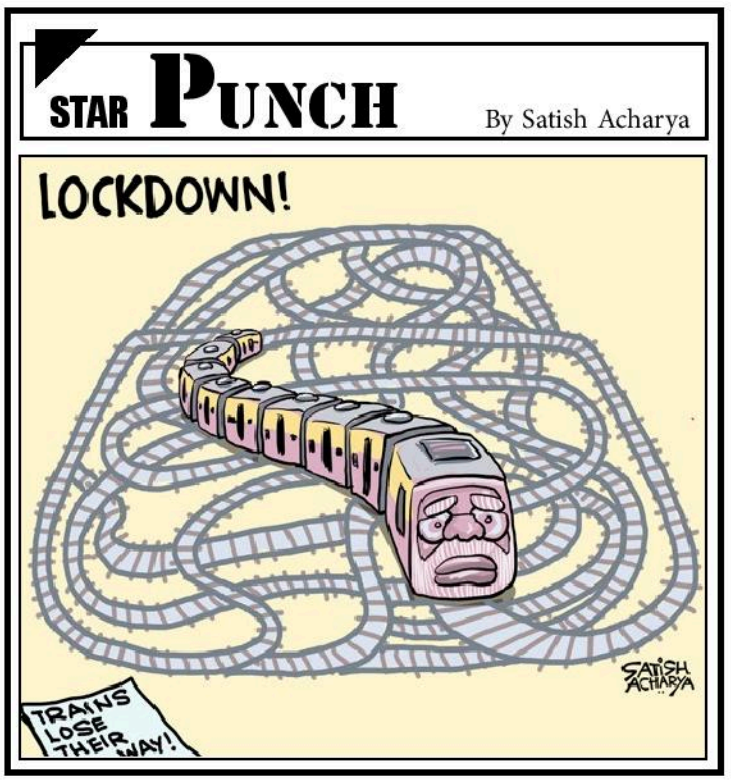
Bengaluru, May 30 (UNI)- The State Government today announced that there will be no total lockdown on Sunday and all activities will be allowed between 7 am and 7 pm tomorrow (May 31).

However, an order issued by Chief Secretary T.M. Vijay Bhaskar said that curfew will be imposed from 7 pm on Sunday till 7 am on Monday. Following the order, officials said Karnataka State Road Transport Corporation (KSRTC) buses would run tomorrow. At least 3,500 buses will be in service.

The decision was taken in view of demands from citizens and "keeping their interests in mind," said a statement from the Chief Minister's Office (CMO). This means that public transport services — buses, autos and cabs — shops, commercial establishments, salons and beauty parlours and others will be open on May 31.

A few days ago, the State Government had announced total lockdown on Sundays in an attempt to contain the movement of the people as well as spread of the COVID-19 cases. In another order issued, the State has decided to skip mid-day media release.

"Due to increase in number of cases in last few days and as being done in other States of the country, it is decided by Task Force that mid-day media release will not be there. There will be evening press conference by Primary and Secondary Education Minister with complete details as usual. Media friends are requested to cooperate," it said.



Cauvery Hospital accredited by NBE to impart PG training in Anaesthesiology

Mysuru, May 30- Cauvery Heart and Multispeciality Hospital, Siddarthanagar, Mysuru, has been accredited by the National Board of Examinations (NBE), New Delhi, to impart Post-Graduate training in Anaesthesiology.

It has been granted four seats — 2 post MBBS and 2 post Diploma seats. Admissions are now open for Jan. 2020 session. The stipend and fee structure are as per NBE guidelines available in the website. Admissions are strictly through NEET and online centralised counselling.

Incidentally, Cauvery Heart and Multispeciality Hospital is the only non- corporate / non-Medical College Hospital in Mysuru offering DNB courses now. These courses are recognised by MCI and Government of India.

Cauvery Heart Hospital is a 200-bedded tertiary care hospital with facilities for cardiac surgeries, thoracic surgery, vascular surgery, urology, neurosurgery, plastic surgery, paediatric surgery, oncosurgery, ENT, Orthopaedics, trauma and replacement surgeries along with general surgery, laparoscopic surgeries, obstetric and gynaecological procedures.

Hospital is equipped with a full-fledged blood bank, CT and imaging unit and 24×7 accident and emergency department. It is equipped with 35 ICU beds being run professionally by qualified experts. Rendering service for more than a decade now, the Hospital is recognised by all State Government and Central Government schemes and approved by majority of TPAs and Private Insurers for cashless hospitalisation and treatment.

Contact B.J. Sandeep Patel, Facility Director, 99645-99237.

Natl. Webinar on 'Digital Platforms for Teaching & Learning' held

Mysuru, May 30- To equip teachers to be digitally smart and technologically sound, St. Joseph's College of Education, Mysuru, under IQAC, had organised a National-level one-week Webinar on 'Digital Platforms for Teaching and Learning,' in collaboration with PKM College of Education, Kannur, Kerala, from May 19 to 25.

Dr. Priya Mathew, Principal, St. Joseph's College of Education and the Convener of this programme, briefed about the significance of providing a common platform for the integration of educators from all over the country through this webinar marking the Golden Jubilee year celebrations of the College.

The sub-themes of the webinar included e-content development; Learning Management System; Virtual Classrooms; Cloud Applications; Web Presentations and Web Publishing; Online applications for Research Methodology; Digital Assessment; Editing softwares and applications.

"Life is uncertain and full of challenges. Let us equip ourselves technologically and accept the challenges" was the message by Rev. Fr. Vijay Kumar, Secretary and Correspondent, MDES, in his inaugural address.

Afza Fathima, Assistant Professor, St. Joseph's College of Education and Assistant Co-ordinator of the Webinar, introduced M.K. Naseerali, Assistant Professor, author and trainer in Educational Technology, Aligarh Muslim University Centre, Malappuram, Kerala, who was the Resource Person of the webinar.

The felicitation address was delivered by Dr. Sr. Jessy, Principal, PKM College of Education. Seby Mavely, CEO, Training and Development, MDES, was present. Asha P. Pathrose, IQAC Co-ordinator of the institution and Coordinator of the webinar, proposed a vote of thanks. Every day, the sessions were from 11 am to 1 pm and over 300 participants attended.

ICAI opens Centre for Audit Quality

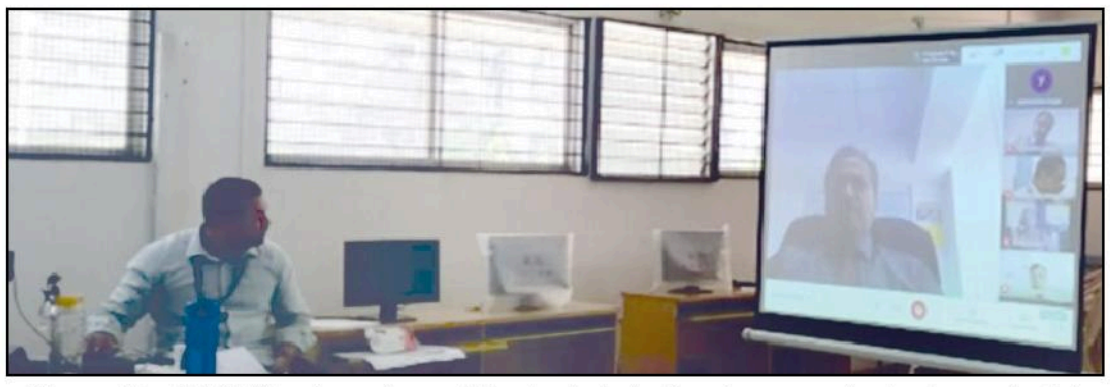
Mysuru, May 30- The profession of Accountancy and Auditing throughout the world is regulated and licences are granted by the Regulator/ Sovereign to the Auditors to ensure probity in financial statements. The Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI) is a statutory body set up in 1949 by an Act of Parliament to regulate the Profession of Chartered Accountancy in India.

In a recent major decision, ICAI has decided to open Centre for Audit Quality at ICAI's Centre of Excellence, Jaipur, which would enable the Institute to make available conducive environment for research and develop a systematic audit quality framework.

CA Atul Kumar Gupta, President, ICAI, said: "The Centre for Audit Quality will aim at the continuous investment in the contemporary education and training for prospective Accountants and Auditors, developing guidance and training programmes to assist Audit teams and offices to undertake effective root cause analysis, conducting group learning sessions to discuss identified causes of findings and the solutions to be implemented, establishing Audit Quality indicators, thus will work for Audit Quality Maturity Model."

The aim of Centre of Quality is: • To develop Framework for Audit Quality; • To develop Audit Quality Maturity Model; • To conduct contemporary Education and Training in area of audit and allied areas for continuous improvement of Audit Quality; • To conduct CPD specialised training programmes for Professional Accountants to enable them to perform audit in full compliance with principles of Audit standards; • To pursue Research and Innovation in area of audit for improving Audit Quality; • To deliberate on the experience of Audit Committees for improving Audit Quality; • To develop and promote Audit Quality Indicators; • To invest and enable access to cost effective Digital and online Resources for accountants /accounting firms for high Audit quality.

'Integration of MSMEs with Agriculture: A must for Atma Nirbhar Bharat'



Mysuru, May 30- "Neither Agriculture nor MSMEs alone can bring about a self- reliant India. They should be integrated to harness better results," said Dr. Yashawanth Dongre, Professor of Commerce (retd.), Mysore University.

He was presiding over the webinar 'Atma Nirbhar Bharat, Stimulus package for Agriculture and MSMEs,' which was organised by GSSS Simha Subbalakshmi First Grade College (GSSS SSFGC) on May 29.

Dr. C.K. Renukarya, Director, Mahajana PG Centre, speaking on 'Stimulus to Agriculture,' said that the situation demands the need for implementing the Gandhian principles of making villages self-sufficient by developing rural infrastructure. "There is a need to build good schools, good hospitals, well connected roads, filling the existing tanks, etc., so that villages could be self-reliant," he added.

Dr. Moodithaya, Pro-Vice-Chancellor, NITTE University, Mangaluru, said that surplus people should come out of villages, move to cities as industries are also important for the economic development of the nation. People should be shifted from Primary (Agriculture) to Secondary (MSME) sector in order to bring balance between both, he opined.

More than 300 participants interacted with the resource persons. The programme was hosted on Google Meet Platform and was also made available on Facebook Live.

Prof. Basappa, Principal, welcomed. Dr. K.V. Prabhakara, Director, introduced the guests. Subramanya, HoD, BBA, proposed a vote of thanks.

No power supply in city, Nanjangud tomorrow

Mysuru/Nanjangud, May 30 (KS)- Owing to emergency works taken up by CESC, power supply will be disrupted at various localities in city and in Nanjangud tomorrow.

In city, power will be disrupted between 10 am and 5 pm on May 31 in Hebbal, Kumbarakoppal, Toll Gate, Vani Vilasa Layout, Mahadeshwara Layout, Subashnagar, Surya Bakery, Vijayanagar, Railway Layout, Abhishek Circle, Madegowda Circle, M.G. Koppal, Outer Ring Road, Hampi Circle, Sangam Circle, surroundings of Archaeology Office, KIADB Industrial Housing Layout, surroundings of L&T factory, Rane Madras, Hebbal Industrial Area, Metagalli, Brindavan Layout, Lokanayaka Nagar, Jayadevanagar, B.M. Sri Nagar, Hebbal Outer Ring Road, surroundings of HPCL Gas Plant, Hebbal 1st, 2nd and 3rd Stages, Subramanyanagar, Basavanagudi, surroundings of SBM Bank, Hebbal Colony, Lakshmikanthanagar, Sankranthi Circle, Golden Bakery, KIADB Layout, Mayura Circle, Cauvery Circle, Military Quarters, RBI, Vikrant Main Plant, surroundings of Shivamogga Steels, Belagola Industrial Area, KRS Road, Bhyraweshwaranagar, Basaweshwaranagar, Metagalli Industrial Area, Koorgalli Industrial Area, Excel Public School, Vinyas, surroundings of Koorgalli Lake, Gopalan Compound, Wipro, Meritor, Pattabi Enterprises, Millennium, Marc Batteries Road and surroundings of Chamundi Silks.

In Nanjangud, power will be disrupted between 9 am and 5 pm at Nanjangud town, Kallalli Industrial Area, Nestle, AT&S, Max Pharma, Devirammanahalli, Debur, Devarasanahalli, Maraluru, Chikkayyana Chatra, Tandya Industrial Area, Balaji, Indus, Ganapathi, KIADB 1 and 2, Siddanahundi, Hulimavu, Hadinaru, Hosakote and Tumbanerala Gram Panchayat limits.

VOICE OF THE READER

Unscientific Road Hump near VVWW crying for attention

Sir,

The photograph shows a deadly and unscientific road hump near the main entrance of Vani Vilas Water Works (VVWW) on KRS Road near City Railway Station. This hump doesn't conform to any of the civil engineering standards or measurements.

It will create total unsafe condition for pedestrians and also for two-wheeler riders using this road. Strictly speaking, any road hump must be installed as per proper dimensional standards in the presence of Traffic Police personnel, subject to the approval, necessarily obtained from competent authorities.

I request the Traffic Police Department to arrange for immediate removal of this unscientific road hump and also to put a fresh road hump (if it is an absolute necessity only), just similar to a smooth hump, provided near the bus stop adjacent to Cheluvamba Park side near Akashavani.

— Nagamangala Narasimha Murthy

Mysuru
26.5.2020

Footpath on KRS road:
Threat to pedestrian safety

Sir,

The footpath on KRS Road, beside the CFTRI campus, has opened up at two places (see photo). It is risky for pedestrians, especially when they walk while talking over the mobile or watching videos or whatsApp while walking.

The risk is higher during the night time if streetlights are not working or electricity goes off during the rains. It is requested to take action by the authorities concerned to cover it properly to avoid any mishap.

— Dr. S. V. N. Vijayendra, Traffic Warden & Member, City Traffic Advisory Committee

Mysuru
29.5.2020

Malabar donates grocery kits to Goldsmith Association

Malabar Gold and Diamonds, B.N. Road, Mysuru, handed over Grocery Kits to Goldsmith Association to be distributed to needy people involved in gold works. Seen are Malabar Gold employee Gireesh, Gold Association President Mallikarjun, Vice-President Venkatesh and others.

Kalyan Jewellers launches #MuhuratAtHome campaign

Mysuru, May 30- The usual fervour of big fat Indian summer weddings have given way to down-sized mini-monies (miniature ceremonies) this season. With restrictions on the number of wedding attendees continuing to be in place, intimate weddings are expected to be the new normal.

Keeping this changing trend in mind, Kalyan Jewellers on May 27 announced the launch of a new campaign #MuhuratAtHome, focusing on lockdown weddings.

#MuhuratAtHome is about going back-to-basics — to a time and an age, when weddings were home affairs. When the invitee list was compact and the wedding itself a simpler, more scaled-back, easier-to-plan affair that involved the participation of every family member.

Kalyan Jewellers has adopted a hyper-local approach and multiple ad films that encapsulate this concept will be released regionally across India. Shot in Malayalam, Hindi and Tamil, the campaign will feature a series of short ads highlighting the rituals practiced in a simple, homely wedding setup.

Speaking about this campaign, Ramesh Kalyanaraman, Executive Director, Kalyan Jewellers, said: "Weddings have always brought people together. This year, with the lockdown restrictions in place during peak wedding season, we presumed that everyone would postpone their weddings plans, but was surprised to see that this wasn't the case. Families traded bigger ceremonies for intimate functions, ruled by minimalism, simplicity and personalisation. It is almost like a revival of the weddings from 50-odd years ago. Our #MuhuratAtHome campaign aims to capture this trend of intimate weddings. Be it a large wedding or a smaller affair, Kalyan Jewellers is here to help make cherished memories as couples enter into their once-in-a -lifetime bond forever."

#MuharatAtHome TVC is expected to launch in June 2020 and will run through the season. The campaign is live on the social media handles of the brand. For details, contact Ekta Nainani on Mob: 99307-38816 or Kartik Behl on 90043-33899 or Kinjal Mehta on 98192-09929.

PurePrayer Mobile App and Website launched
Now, book Pujas and Sevas at 52 prominent temples in State

Mysuru, May 30- Mysuru-based Spiritual Products Private Limited, which is part of NR Group, makers of Cycle Pure Agarbathies, have launched "PurePrayer" Mobile App and website PurePrayer.com, a new digital initiative to connect devotees to the divine.

In line with Karnataka Government's drive towards safety and well-being for all, the PurePrayer App will enable devotees to book Pujas and Sevas at 52 prominent temples in Karnataka including Kota's Sri Amriteshwari, Hampi's Sri Viruprakasheshwara Swamy Devastana, Mysuru's Sri Chamundeshwari Temple and Bengaluru's Sri Someshwara Swamy Temple.

The devotees can book Pujas, Sevas and specific temple rituals as per the charges prescribed by the temples. The PurePrayer app will not add any additional service charge or convenience for connecting the devotees to the temples. PurePrayer believes in the motto Pray Safe Stay Safe and hence is delivering this service to the devotees who are finding it challenging to visit their favourite temples in Karnataka due to the COVID pandemic.

Making the announcement, Minister Kota Srinivas Poojary said, "We have had discussions with the Chief Minister regarding Muzrai Department, during which it was decided to open temples from June 1. The temples will be opened to offer Puja and daily rituals, we are not permitting temple fairs and events. We also have PurePrayer app for our devotees through which they can participate in temple rituals from their home."

"All temples will be opened and instructions have been given to take preventive measures and make necessary preparations to ensure social distancing before June. I will discuss with officials and decide on what other measures should be taken so that things go on smoothly, ensuring the safety of devotees," he added.

Commenting on this initiative, Arjun Ranga, Managing Director, Cycle Pure Agarbathies, said: "This initiative has been taken by us to connect devotees to the divine in the wake of pandemic. We have worked closely with the office of the Commissioner for Hindu Religious Institutions and Charitable Endowment, adhering to all the guidelines prescribed."

Apart from the Seva booking, PurePrayer also has rich content about the temples and various rituals and slokas. The slokas and mantras are provided with sub-titles to enable easy chanting and recital. Users can freely access daily, weekly and monthly Vedic horoscopes based on their Rashi.

An option of booking qualified and background checked Purohits for home Pujas is being tested in select markets. One can also buy a DIY Puja kits to perform the puja at home. Premium astrology reports are also available with PurePrayer.

PurePrayer mobile application is available for Android and iOS users. PurePrayer can also be accessed from the website https://www.pureprayer.com

For details, contact Mob: 70225-48894.

SSLC exam from June 25 to July 4

Education Minister Suresh Kumar holds meeting with DDPIs, BEOs in city

II PU results in July first week, SSLC by July end

Mysuru, May 30 (MTY&DM)- With the rescheduled SSLC exam (2019-20) set to begin from June 25, Primary and Secondary Education Minister S. Suresh Kumar held a meeting with DDPIs and BEOs of Mysuru, Mandya and Kodagu districts to discuss the preparations, at Hemavathi Auditorium in ATI (Administrative Training Institute) premises here on Friday.

Later speaking to presspersons, Suresh Kumar said that the exam scheduled to take place from Mar.27 was postponed due to the COVID-19 lockdown. Now the Government has come up with a new time-table, according to which the exam will be held from June 25 to July 4 and the results will be announced by the end of July.

Stating that the High Court has dismissed a petition by some individuals and organisations who sought cancellation of the exams due to pandemic, he said that the exam will be held as announced in more than 4,000 centres across the State with 8,48,500 students appearing for the exam. "A total of 68,231 students from Mysuru, Kodagu and Mandya districts will appear for the exam in 248 centres, out of which 139 centres (39,882 students) are in Mysuru district, 82 in Mandya district (21,260 students) and 27 in Kodagu district (7,149 students)," he said.

Noting that there are no Containment Zones at present in the three districts, he said that all students appearing for the exam are compulsorily required to wear face masks, undergo thermal screening and use hand sanitisers at the centres.

Pointing out that each student will be given two face masks for free, he said that Bengaluru's Shivanahalli Ramakrishna Ashram will be donating 2 lakh face masks.

Explaining the safety measures, he said that benches in halls will have a safe distance of 4ft. between each of them. Earlier there used to be 24 students in a Hall. But now, there will be only18-20 students in a Hall with all precautionary and safety measures in place, he clarified.

Referring to the idea of holding preparatory classes ahead of the exams, Suresh Kumar said that the Government is awaiting guidelines to be issued by the Centre regarding opening of Schools and Colleges and as such it is doubtful as of now that the preparatory classes will be conducted. He further said that the revision classes being broadcast in Doordarshan's Chandana Channel has been a hit among students.

Maintaining that preparations are in full swing in all the 34 educational districts of the State, the Minister said that In-charge persons have been appointed for all the four divisions to oversee the preparations.

State Project Director - RMSA (Rashtriya Madhyamika Shikshana Abhiyaan) Dr. M.T. Reju has been appointed in-charge of Mysuru Divison, he added.

Continuing, Suresh Kumar said that migrant students who have returned home along with their parents will be allowed to appear at the exam centre nearest to their place of stay. Also there will be no exam centres in declared COVID-19 Containment Zones and students from these Zones will be shifted to other centres, he added.

Hall tickets as bus pass

Referring to the transport problems that the students, especially those from rural areas, may have to face to reach their exam centres, the Minister said that the Transport Minister will be appealed to consider the Hall tickets as pass and allow students to travel in KSRTC buses.

II PU results in July

Pointing out that the evaluation of II PUC answer scripts has already begun in full swing, the Minister said that the results will most likely be declared in July first week. The pending English paper exam will be held on June 18 as announced earlier, he said and added that the SSLC results will be declared by the end of July.

Mysuru DDPI Dr. Pandurangа, Mandya DDPI Raghunandan, Kodagu DDPI P.S. Machado, BEOs of the three districts and other Department officials were present at the meeting.

Corporator hands over kits

Ward No. 6 Corporator SBM Manju seen distributing grocery kits to the needy at Gokulam and Brindavan Layout recently as Suresh, Raju and others look on.

Hotel Southern Star Employees Union seeks Govt. intervention to revoke closure

Mysuru, May 30- The Hotel Southern Star Employees Union has urged the State Government to safeguard the interests of the employees and alleged that the Hotel was recently closed illegally.

In a press release, the Employees Union has stated that the Hotel has been closed using COVID pandemic as an excuse and the management has sacked over 100 employees. The press note said that the management has paid salaries up to March and there is no justification to the management's version that the Hotel was under loss.

The State Government is relaxing lockdown guidelines and will permit the opening of hotels too and this will boost the hotel industry. Many industrial meets and conferences are held at Southern Star and there is every chance of the hotel being revived, the press release stated.

The Union alleged that termination letters are being sent to the Hotel employees through post. Representations have been sent to Chief Minister, Labour Minister and Mysuru District Minister for their intervention and to invite the Hotel management for talks but nothing has happened so far.

The Employees Union has urged the Government to intervene and safeguard the interests of the employees. The company management was, however, not available for reaction on the Union allegations.

Gram Panchayat polls put off

Bengaluru, May 30- Amid the nationwide lockdown, the State Election Commission (SEC) on Thursday announced the postponement of Gram Panchayat (GP) elections due to the Novel Coronavirus pandemic.

The term of about 5,800 out of 6,025 Gram Panchayats in the State will end between June and August this year.

In a statement, the SEC said that the Commission examined the feasibility of conducting polls to GPs. Considering the current situation as 'exceptional circumstance,' it has been decided to temporarily postpone the elections to GPs.

Last week, the SEC had sought the opinion of all DCs on conducting polls. The DCs in turn had told the Commission that the personnel in the districts were engaged in battling COVID-19 and thus there was shortage of staff. Also there are transportation and logistical issues due to lockdown curbs and there could be problems in maintaining Law and Order if the polls were to be held now, it is learnt.

Based on the DCs reports and taking into consideration the prevailing situation, the SEC decided to postpone the polls.

Siddu criticises decision

Opposition leader Siddharamaiah has taken strong objection to the State Election Commission's decision to postpone the polls. In a series of tweets under the caption 'Save Panchayat Raj' on Thursday, Siddharamaiah said that the postponement goes against the Karnataka Panchayat Raj Act of 1993.

Alleging that the postponement was against democratic principles, he said that the Congress would move the court. Maintaining that Section-8 of the Panchayat Raj Act prohibits appointment of Governing Councils in Gram Panchayats without holding of elections, Siddharamaiah said that the Congress is hopeful of getting justice from the Court.

Parivara, Talavaras to come under ST list

Mysuru, May 30 (RKB&DM)- Water Resources Minister Ramesh Jarkiholi said that the State Government will take steps to implement the notification of the Union Government on including Parivara and Talavara communities under Scheduled Tribes (ST) list.

Speaking to Nayaka community leaders from Mysuru and Chamarajanagar districts at Jaladarshini Guest House here on Thursday, he said that a meeting with Chief Minister B.S. Yediyurappa is scheduled for Saturday, during which the measures to implement the notification will be discussed.

Ramesh Jarkiholi

Pointing out that there are several schemes for farmers and Scheduled Tribe communities, Ramesh Jarkiholi said that Nayaka community members must utilise all available benefits from the Government.

Mysuru Zoo gets Rs. 25.14 lakh donation

- So far District Minister has handed over Rs. 2.85 crore collected from people of his Constituency and others
- Govt. decision on Zoo opening for visitors in a day or two

Mysuru, May 30 (MTY&KS)- Continuing his help for the maintenance of Mysuru Zoo, District Minister S.T. Somashekar handed over a cheque for Rs. 25,14,500 to the Zoo authorities this morning.

The Minister has been collecting donations from his friends and people of his Constituency and has been appealing everyone including Corporates to donate generously for the maintenance of Mysuru Zoo. The Minister has so far handed over cheques for Rs. 2.85 crore to Zoo including Rs. 22 lakh donation from Infosys Foundation.

Speaking on the occasion, Minister Somashekar said that he has held discussions with the Deputy Commissioner and other officials on opening the Zoo and added that the Government may issue an order to open the Zoo in a day or two. He further said that once the Government issues an order, he would again hold a meeting with the local elected representatives and others and then decide about it.

Continuing, Somashekar said that AKKA organisation has collected Rs. 27 lakh and added that he would hold a video conference with them at 8 pm today.

Zoo Authority of Karnataka (ZAK) Member-Secretary B.P. Ravi, who also spoke said that there has been a total loss between Rs. 17 crore and Rs. 18 crore from all nine Zoos in the State with Mysuru Zoo suffering Rs. 7 crore loss and Bannerghatta Biological Park Rs. 8 crore loss. He said that the Zoo Authority has sent a list of precautionary measures taken at the Zoo for its opening and measures to be taken after reopening of the Zoo to the Government and added that the file was with the Chief Secretary.

Zoo Executive Director Ajit M. Kulkarni said it was for the first time in the history of Mysuru Zoo such huge amount in the form of donations have poured in.

MLAs L. Nagendra and S. A. Ramdas, Deputy Commissioner Abiram G. Sankar, MCC Commissioner Gurudutta Hegde and others were present.

Felicitation to Corona Warriors marks Rebel Star Ambarish's birth anniversary

- MP Sumalatha hands over six ventilators to Mandya COVID Hospital
- Distributes grocery kits to specially-abled persons and ASHA workers

Mandya, May 30 (Nagaiah & KS)- To mark the birthday of late sandalwood actor Ambarish, Mandya MP Sumalatha Ambarish honoured Corona Warriors and distributed grocery kits to specially-abled at various places in the district yesterday.

At a programme organised at Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Bhavan in Mandya, MP Sumalatha inaugurated the function by lighting the lamp and paid floral tribute to the portrait of actor Ambarish. She later honoured Deputy Commissioner Dr. M.V. Venkatesh, Zilla Panchayat Chief Executive Officer Yalakkigowda, Additional Superintendent of Police (ASP) Dr. Shobharani and others.

On the occasion, Sumalatha handed over six ventilators to Mandya COVID Hospital and distributed grocery kits to about 300 specially-abled persons.

At a function organised at Maddur, Food and Civil Supplies Minister K. Gopalaiah and Sumalatha distributed grocery kits to ASHA workers. Speaking on the occasion, Gopalaiah said that Ambarish was an extraordinary actor and politician who gave richness to the cultural and art world and added that the later actor tendered his resignation to his Union Minister's post when his self-respect was questioned.

Pointing out that Ambarish is not dead but very much alive due to his excellent works, Minister Gopalaiah said that the late actor had made a name for himself in the cinema world.

Stating that Ambarish had sanctioned 500 houses to his (Gopalaiah) Constituency when he (Ambarish) was a Housing Minister, Gopalaiah said that the houses sanctioned then have been completed now.

Thanking Minister Gopalaiah for distributing grocery kits on Ambarish's birthday, MP Sumalatha said that the Corona Warriors were fighting the virus by risking their lives and added that she had seen God in ASHA workers. She further said that it was the wish of everyone that Coronavirus goes away quickly so that the people could live peacefully.

Ambarish Abhimanigala Sangha State President Bellur Somashekar and others were present.

Ajit Jogi, Chhattisgarh's first CM, passes away

Ajit Jogi

New Delhi, May 30 (UNI)- Former Chhattisgarh Chief Minister Ajit Jogi (74) died yesterday after being hospitalised in Raipur following a heart attack. His death was announced on Twitter by his son Amit Jogi.

The former bureaucrat-turned-politician, who was the incumbent MLA from the Marwahi seat, was the first Chief Minister of Chhattisgarh after it was carved out of Madhya Pradesh as a separate State in November 2000.

PM condoles death

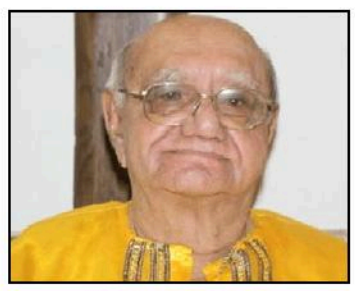
Tributes poured in from across the political spectrum. Prime Minister Narendra Modi, offering his condolences to the bereaved family, tweeted, "Shri Ajit Jogi Ji was passionate about public service. This passion made him work hard as a bureaucrat and as a political leader."

"Jogi ji's death is an irreparable loss to the State. He laid a roadmap for the development of the State and delivered an important role as a skilled politician and administrator in its progress," said Chhattisgarh CM Bhupesh Baghel, who declared a three-day State mourning.

Among the tallest

Jogi lost power in the 2003 Assembly elections but continued to be one of the tallest leaders of the Congress party until he and his son got embroiled in a controversy over a leaked audio tape towards the end of 2015.

Bejan Daruwalla, famous astrologer, dies at 89



Bejan Daruwalla

New Delhi, May 30- Famous astrologer Bejan Daruwalla died at a private hospital in Ahmedabad last evening, his family said. He was 89.

His son Nastur Daruwalla denied the speculation on social media that his father had contracted Coronavirus. Daruwalla was suffering from only pneumonia, he said. The Apollo Hospital confirmed that Daruwalla died during treatment. An ardent devotee of Lord Ganesha, Daruwalla once admitted his whole family is into astrology. Daruwalla, says his website, was once asked by the Dalai Lama to put his hand on the Tibetan Spiritual Leader's head at the India International Centre in Delhi.

Among his most famous predictions is the one about Narendra Modi beating his competitors hands down to "win the game." He made the prophecy just before the 2014 Lok Sabha elections.

"Narendra Modi's Moon and Mars are together. Moon is for popularity and Mars is for energy. The combination of two makes him a winning material. For all these reasons, Narendra Modi will win the game," was his prediction ahead of the polls.

COVID positive patient from Ireland shifted to Bengaluru

Mysuru, May 30 (LNY&BCT)- The Mysuru District Administration and Health Department officials from Bengaluru have shifted one COVID-19 positive patient from the designated Hospital on KRS Road to Victoria Hospital in Bengaluru.

Disclosing this to media persons in Mysuru this morning, Deputy Commissioner Abhiram G. Sankar said that the 28-year-old patient, who has a travel history of Ireland, had come to Mysuru and was tested positive here. "The patient was a special case and was brought to Mysuru from Kempegowda International Airport in Bengaluru and was admitted to a private hospital where he was kept in an isolation ward. He later tested positive for COVID-19," the DC said.

As the patient needed special care, Health Department officials from Mysuru and the doctors of the private hospital discussed among themselves and shifted the patient to Victoria Hospital in Bengaluru for super-speciality care, the DC added.

"The patient has been tested and listed positive in Mysuru but being treated in Bengaluru and we have two patients in Mysuru who are being treated at COVID Hospital. Yesterday, a few more tests have been conducted and results are awaited," he said.

Monkeying around...

When** Star of Mysore **photographer M.N. Lakshminarayana Yadav visited Administrative Training Institute (ATI) to cover the meeting of Primary and Secondary Education Minister yesterday, this monkey was seen in a playful mood and forced the lensman to capture some poses of the monkey perched on the life-size statue of an ox (2 bulls with bullock carts) installed at Abdul Nazir Sab State Institute of Rural Development in ATI Campus on Lalitha Mahal Road, Mysuru.

Nalwadi, Sir MV statues

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"Works on the statues stopped from Mar. 24, 2020 and we will plan it in such a way that works are completed in the next 6 months," he added. On an average, over 10,000 tourists visit KRS daily and the numbers see an increase during Dasara and peak tourism season.

Demand for a museum

Though Krishna Raja Sagar holds such an important place in South India as it is the lifeline, there is no permanent physical structure or a facility to learn about its history, the idea behind it and the brain who built the mammoth structure and also the people who sacrificed their happiness to fund the Dam construction for the larger good of the society.

Over the years, there has been a demand for a museum on Nalwadi Krishnaraja Wadiyar who funded the project and Sir M. Visvesvaraya, the Engineer-Extraordinaire who planned and executed the project. Realising the demand, the Karnataka Water Resources Department planned to establish the statues.

Nalwadi chief patron

The statues will have great significance to Mysuru as it was Nalwadi Krishnaraja Wadiyar who mortgaged the Mysuru royal family's ornaments to complete the construction of the Dam. Sir MV was the architect behind the massive structure that was built from November 1911 and completed in 1931-32 and the construction cost then was approximately Rs. 1 crore 34 lakh. It is a gravity dam of stone masonry with an approximate height of 131 feet and length of 8,600 feet. The maximum water level is 124.80 ft.

Pramoda Devi happy about project, visits KRS

During his visit to Mysuru, Water Resources Minister Ramesh Jarkiholi met member of erstwhile royal family Pramoda Devi Wadiyar on Thursday evening and apprised her about the progress of the twin statue project.

Jarkiholi said that the statues were intended to pay tributes to the late Maharaja and his Dewan who were instrumental in building the Dam. Pramoda Devi too expressed her immense happiness over the ongoing works. She wished that all the works of the Water Resources Department are completed and people are benefitted by them.

Special Officer to the Minister Rudraiah, PRO S.N. Shankar, Cauvery Neeravari Nigam Managing Director Jayaprakash and Mysore Palace Board Deputy Director T.S. Subramanya were present during the Minister's visit.

Yesterday, at around 4 pm, Pramoda Devi visited the Krishna Raja Sagar and inspected the works being undertaken there. She suggested the officials to undertake the statue work in such a way that it does not hamper the beauty and traditional aspects of the Dam.

CNNL Executive Engineer (KRS) M.B. Raju, Assistant Executive Engineer Vasudeva, Junior Engineer Shivakumar, contractor H.S. Ramesh and others were present.

Govt. increases age limit for Police Sub-Inspector recruitment

Bengaluru, May 30- As a welcome relief for scores of Police job aspirants, the State Government on Thursday increased the upper age limit for appointment of Police Sub-Inspectors from 28 to 30 years for general category candidates and from 30 to 32 years in respect of SC, ST and OBC candidates. Announcing this at a press meet after the State Cabinet meeting here yesterday, Law & Parliamentary Affairs Minister J.C. Madhuswamy said that the age relaxation is meant only for one cycle of appointment.

He further clarified that this age relaxation is applicable for the current notification issued for appointment of 556 Civil Police Sub-Inspectors. Detailing the other Cabinet decisions, Madhuswamy said that the Govt. has decided to drop several conditions in respect of providing Rs. 5,000 one-time relief for Auto and Taxi drivers and Barbers and establish Pharmaceutical godowns in five districts of the State at a total cost of Rs.18.08 crore. The Govt. has also decided to allot 2 acres of land near Nandi Hills to the family of late poet Prof. K.S. Nissar Ahmed who passed away recently, for setting up of an educational institution, he said.

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COVID - 19 UPDATE

MYSURU

Persons observed till date	:	5,782
Persons who have completed 14 days' isolation	:	5,332
Persons isolated in home for 14 days (Inter-State travellers)	:	350
Persons isolated in facility quarantine for 7 days	:	99
Persons isolated in hospital for active cases	:	5
Total samples tested	:	8,529
Samples found negative	:	8,437
Samples found positive (cumulative)	:	96
Persons cured / discharged	:	91
Death toll so far in Mysuru	:	0

MANDYA

Total positive cases in Mandya	:	257
Persons cured / discharged	:	33
Death toll so far in Mandya	:	0

KARNATAKA & INDIA

Total positive cases in Karnataka	:	2,922
Persons cured / discharged	:	997
Death toll so far in Karnataka	:	49
Total active cases in India	:	86,422
Persons cured / discharged	:	82,370
Death toll so far in India	:	4,971

(Note: Mysuru figures as on May 29.
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